

**PORT HAWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
Shannon Studio
Minutes of Meeting
January 6, 2026**

Present

Mayor, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton
Deputy Mayor, Todd Barrett
Councillor, Iaian Langley
Councilor, Paula Hart
Councillor, Blaine MacQuarrie
Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Doyle
Director of Finance, Brian Luciano
Water Resource Manager, Jason MacMillan
Communications and Administrative Officer, Melissa Warner

1. Call to Order

A Public Meeting of the Port Hawkesbury Town Council was held in the Shannon Studio and virtually on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, and called to order at 7:00p.m. by Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton.

2. Additions to Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, T. Barrett and SECONDED by Councillor, P. Hart “THAT the Town of Port Hawkesbury approve January 6, 2026, Public Meeting Agenda as presented.” MOTION CARRIED.

4. Gallery Presentations

There were no gallery presentations.

5. Acknowledgements

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton made the following acknowledgements for the month of January:

- January 4 – Royal Braille Day
- January 8 – National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Air Disasters
- January 11 – Sir John A. MacDonald Day
- January 26 – International Day of Clean Energy
- January 27 – International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- January 29 – National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia

Mayor Chisholm-Beaton extended congratulations and thanks to staff that worked over the holidays; Public Works, Arena, and Recreation Staff for the events over the holidays.

6. Approval of Council Minutes

- i. Public Meeting of Council – December 2, 2025
There were no errors or omissions.
- ii. Special Public Meeting – December 15, 2025
There were no errors or omissions.

7. Business Arising from Minutes

Mayor B. Chisholm-Beaton noted that staff has not yet got a reschedule from Minister MacDonald to visit Port Hawkesbury.

8. Council Committee Reports

i. Report from Committee of the Whole

- i. There was no report coming from Committee of the Whole Session as the last meeting was a joint public meeting.
- ii. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes
There was no Committee of the Whole.

9. Motions from In-Camera Session

There were no motions coming from the In Camera Session.

10. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

11. Proclamations/Resolutions

There were no Proclamations/Resolutions.

12. Other Business

i. Flag Raising Schedule – CAO, T. Doyle

CAO, T. Doyle reviewed the Council approved flag raising schedule. Deputy Mayor, T. Barrett noted that in 2023 the Province proclaimed the month of August as Acadian Month and asked to raise the Acadian flag for the Month of August with the exception of Emancipation Day.

MOVED by Councillor, I. Langley and SECONDED by Deputy Mayor, T. Barrett “To approve the flag raising schedule with the one amendment for the month of August.” MOTION CARRIED.

ii. 2025 Year In Review – Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton reviewed the 2025 Year in review for the Town of Port Hawkesbury.

[\(Link to the Year in Review\)](#)

- iii. Cell Phone Coverage in Port Hawkesbury – Councillor, B. MacQuarrie
Councillor, MacQuarrie put forward a request to send a letter to MLA K. MacQuarrie advises of the issues with respect to adequate declining cell phone coverage in the Town of Port Hawkesbury and request that he advocate for the residents in the community.

Mayor, B. Chisholm-Beaton asked for some more information as she has not had any complaints.

Councillor, B. MacQuarrie asked to bring forward to MLA MacQuarrie.

Councillor, I. Langley noted that he has not seen the issue or encountered a drop-in cell service on a regular basis.

MOVED by Councillor, B. MacQuarrie and SECONDED by Councillor, P. Hart “That the Town of Port Hawkesbury send a letter to MLA MacQuarrie requesting him to advocate to the Province of Nova Scotia for better cell phone coverage within the Town of Port Hawkesbury” MOTION CARRIED.

- iv. Council Expenses – CAO, T. Doyle
CAO, T. Doyle, reviewed the expenses for the month of December. He noted that Council's Expenses are posted on the Town's website.

13. Approved Additions

There were no additions.

14. Future Meetings

The future meetings of the Town Council are scheduled as follows:

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| i. Committee of the Whole | Tuesday, January 20, 2026 |
| ii. Public Meeting | Tuesday, February 3, 2026 |

15. Public Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm

February 3, 2025

Date



Approved by:
Terry Doyle, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer



Recorded by:
Melissa Warner
Communications and
Administration Officer